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VOYAGER 1 AND 2  
COSMIC RAY SUBSYSTEM

Description of Jupiter Encounter Data

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Instrumentation

As its name implies, the Cosmic Ray Subsystem (CRS) was designed for cosmic ray studies (Stone et al., 1977). It consists of two High Energy Telescopes (HET), four Low Energy Telescopes (LET) and The Electron Telescope (TET). The detectors have large geometric factors ( $\sim 0.48$  to  $8 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ ster}$ ) and long electronic time constants ( $\sim 24 \text{ } \mu\text{sec}$ ) for low power consumption and good stability. Normally, the data are primarily derived from comprehensive ( $\Delta E_1$ ,  $\Delta E_2$  and  $E$ ) pulse-height information about individual events. Because of the high particle fluxes encountered at Jupiter and Saturn, greater reliance had to be placed on counting rates in single detectors and various coincidence rates. The detectors used for most of our work are listed in Table 1 and illustrated in Figure 1. In interplanetary space, guard counters are placed in anticoincidence with the primary detectors to reduce the background from high-energy particles penetrating through the sides of the telescopes. These guard counters were turned off in the Jovian magnetosphere when the accidental anticoincidence rate became high enough to block a substantial fraction of the desired counts. Fortunately, under these conditions the spectra were sufficiently soft that the background, due to penetrating particles, was small.

The data on proton and ion fluxes at Jupiter were obtained with the LET. The thicknesses of individual solid-state detectors in the LET and their trigger thresholds were chosen such that, even in the Jovian magnetosphere, electrons made, at most, a very minor contribution to the proton counting rates (Lupton and Stone, 1972). Dead time corrections and accidental

coincidences were small ( $< 20\%$ ) throughout most of the magnetotail, but were substantial ( $> 50\%$ ) at flux maxima within  $40 R_J$  of Jupiter. Data have been included in this package for those periods when the corrections are less than  $\sim 50\%$  and can be corrected by the user with the dead time appropriate to the detector (2 to 25  $\mu\text{sec}$ ). The high counting rates, however, caused some baseline shift which may have raised proton thresholds significantly. In the inner magnetosphere, the  $L_2$  counting rate was still useful because it never rolled over. This rate is due to 1.8- to 13-MeV protons penetrating  $L_1$  ( $0.43 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ ster}$ ) and  $> 9\text{-MeV}$  protons penetrating the shield ( $8.4 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ ster}$ ). For an  $E^{-2}$  spectrum, the two groups would make comparable contributions; but in the magnetosphere, for the  $E^{-3}$  to  $E^{-4}$  spectrum above 2.5 MeV (McDonald et al., 1979), the contribution from protons penetrating the shield would be only 3 to 14%.

The LET  $L_1 L_2 \overline{L_4}$  and  $L_1 L_2 L_3$  coincidence-anticoincidence rates give the proton flux between 1.8 and 8 MeV and 3 to 8 MeV with a small alpha particle contribution ( $\sim 10^{-3}$ ). Corrections are required for dead time losses in  $L_1$ , accidental  $L_1 L_2$  coincidences and anticoincidence losses from  $L_4$ . Data are given only for periods when these corrections are relatively small. In addition to the rates listed in the table, the energy lost in detectors  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$  and  $L_3$  was measured for individual particles. For protons, this covered the energy range from 0.42 to 8.3 MeV. Protons can be identified positively by the  $\Delta E$  vs.  $E$  technique, their spectra obtained and accidental coincidences greatly reduced. Because of telemetry limitations, however, only a small fraction of the events could be transmitted, and statistics become poor unless pulse-height data are averaged over a period of one hour.

HET and LET detectors share the same data lines and pulse-height analyzers; thus, the telescopes can interfere with one another during periods

of high counting rates. To prevent such an interference and explore different coincidence conditions, the experiment was cycled through four operating modes, each 192 seconds long. Either the HETs or the LETs were turned on at a time. LET-D was cycled through  $L_1$  only and  $L_1L_2$  coincidence requirements. The TET was cycled through various coincidence conditions, including singles from the front detectors. At the expense of some time resolution, this procedure permitted us to obtain significant data in the outer magnetosphere and excellent data during the long passage through the magnetotail region.

Some of the published results from this experiment required extensive corrections for dead time, accidental coincidences and anticoincidences (Vogt et al., 1979a, 1979b; Schardt et al., 1981; Gehrels et al., 1981). These corrections can be applied only on a case-by-case basis after a careful study of the environment and many self-consistency checks. They cannot be applied on a systematic basis and we have no computer programs to do so; therefore, data from such periods are not included in the Data Center submission. The scientists on the CRS team will, however, be glad to consider special requests if the desired information can be extracted from the data.

In order to acquaint the potential user of these data with the type of information that can be extracted from the CRS data, we are showing typical rates and fluxes in Figures 2 through 7.

#### Description of the Data

- (1) LD1 RATE gives the nominal  $> 0.43\text{-MeV}$  proton flux  $\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}\text{sr}^{-1}$ . This rate includes all particles which pass through a  $0.8 \text{ mg/cm}^2$  aluminum foil and deposits more than 220 keV in a  $34.6 \mu\text{ Si}$  detector on Voyager 1 (209 keV,  $33.9 \mu$  on Voyager 2). Therefore, heavy ions, such as oxygen and sulfur are also detected; however, their contribution is believed to be relatively

small. Only a small percentage of the pulses in this detector are larger than the maximum energy that can be deposited by a proton. Heavy ions would produce such large pulses, unless their energy spectra were much steeper than the proton spectrum. The true flux,  $F_t$ , can be calculated from the data:

$$F_t = \frac{F}{1 - 1.26 \times 10^{-4} F}$$

and corrections are small for  $F < 1000 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

- (2) LD2 RATE is not suitable for an absolute flux determination and is given in counters per s. The detector responds to protons and ions that penetrate either (a)  $0.8 \text{ mg/cm}^2$  Al plus  $8.0 \text{ mg/cm}^2$  Si and lose at least 200 keV in a  $35 \mu$  Si detector (1.8 to 13 MeV) or (b) pass through  $> 140 \text{ mg/cm}^2$  Al. For an  $E^{-2}$  proton spectrum, the contributions from (a) and (b) would be about equal; however, the proton spectrum is substantially softer throughout most of the magnetosphere and the detector should respond primarily to (a). Dead time corrections are given by

$$R_t = \frac{R}{1 - 2.55 \times 10^{-5} R}$$

where  $R$  is the count rate in counts/s. Thus, correction to the supplied data are small for  $R < 4000 \text{ c/sec}$ , but become so large in the middle magnetosphere that the magnitude of even relative intensity changes becomes uncertain.

- (3) LD  $L_1 \cdot L_2 \cdot L_4$  SL COINCIDENCE RATE gives the total proton flux ( $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$ ) between  $\sim 1.8$  and  $\sim 8.1$  MeV with a small admixture of alpha particles. Accidental coincidences become substantial at higher rates and

the flux derived from pulse-height analysis should be used if accuracy is desired.

- (4) LDTRP RATE gives proton flux ( $\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}\text{sr}^{-1}$ ) between 3.0 and 8.0 MeV with a small alpha particle contribution ( $L_1L_2L_3$  coincidences are required).
- (5) IBS4E RATE gives the electron flux ( $\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}\text{sr}^{-1}$ ) for electrons with a range between 4 and 10 mm in Si; this corresponds approximately to the energy range of 2.6-5.1 MeV. Accidental coincidence and dead time corrections are generally small in the magnetotail and have not been applied to these data. Because of differences between Voyager 1 and 2, we give the average rate for HET I and II for Voyager 1 and the HET I rate for Voyager 2.
- (6) IBS3E RATE is the same as (5); but the electron range falls between 10 and 16 mm of Si, or approximately 5.1-8 MeV.
- (7) IBS2E RATE is the same as (5); but the electron range falls between 16 and 22 mm of Si, or approximately 8-12 MeV.
- (8) D4L RATE is not suitable for an absolute electron flux determination. This counting rate includes all pulses from detector  $D_4$  of TET (Fig. 1) which exceed 0.5 MeV. The shielding varies with direction of incidence but is at least 1.2 cm of Si. In the Jovian environment, the detector responds primarily to electrons with energies above  $\sim 6$  MeV. The  $D_4L$  rate is useful primarily for determining relative changes in the high-energy electron flux. This rate has a high background from the RTG. Where needed, the dead time corrections should be applied as to the  $LD_2$  rate ( $\tau \sim 2.55 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}$ ).
- (9) Pulse-height Analyzed Proton Flux (FPHA) is derived from a  $\Delta E$  vs.  $E$  analysis of pulses from  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$  and  $L_3$  of LET (Fig 1) and gives the

average proton flux ( $\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}\text{sr}^{-1}\text{MeV}^{-1}$ ) in six energy channels. Where required, a correction should be applied for the dead time in LD1 as follows:

$$\text{FPHA}_t = \frac{\text{FPHA}}{1 - 1.26 \times 10^{-4} \text{FLD1}}$$

where FPHA is the listed flux of this rate (9) and FLD1 is the flux given in rate 1. FPHA gives the most accurate value of the proton flux available from this experiment; however, the counting statistics are poorer than for the other rates because of limited sampling. Fluxes derived from rate 3 (LD) which cover the same energy range as FPHA will be higher because of poorer definition of the energy threshold, accidental coincidences and a variable, but small, background contribution.

#### ENERGY CHANNELS (MEV) OF FPHA

(absolute accuracy ~ 10%)

	VOYAGER 1	VOYAGER 2
1	1.829 - 2.045	1.807 - 2.001
2	2.045 - 3.104	2.001 - 3.309
3	3.104 - 3.753	3.309 - 3.984
4	3.753 - 4.530	3.984 - 4.761
5	4.530 - 6.284	4.761 - 6.041
6	6.284 - 8.091	6.041 - 8.043

## Data Format

Time-history of CRS data described above is being submitted on 9-track tapes recorded at 1600 BPI. Tape marked CRSJU1 contains Voyager 1 data and the one marked CRSJU2 contains Voyager 2 data.

Each tape contains nine files. Contents of CRSJU1 are described in Table 2, and those of CRSJU2 appear in Table 3. Each file consists of a number of Flux Time-History (FTH) records. An FTH record contains a count of the number of data items (NBIN) whose time-history is included in the record, a count of the number of averaging intervals (NINT) included in the record, definitions of data items included and time-history data. Table 4 defines the structure of an FTH record in detail. These tapes were generated on an IBM System 360 computer; thus, a word consists of 32 bits, half-word 1 is the high order 16-bit field of the word and half-word 2 the low order half (bits 16-31, with the left-most or MSB numbered 0). Characters are represented in 8-bit EBCDIC byte, real numbers are represented in the IBM single precision floating point format. Length (in words) of an FTH record is given by

$$200 + (3 + 2 * \text{NBIN}) * \text{NINT} \qquad \text{NBIN} \leq 5$$

$$233 + (3 + 2 * 6) * \text{NINT} \qquad \text{NBIN} = 6$$

For all files on CRSJU1 and CRSJU2,  $\text{NINT} \leq 96$ . For file 9,  $\text{NINT} \leq 24$ . Thus, maximum record length is 680 words (2720 bytes) for files 1-4 and 8, 872 words (3488 bytes) for files 5-7 and 593 words (2372 bytes) for file 9.

Table 1  
CRS DETECTORS USED DURING JUPITER ENCOUNTER

Detector	Shielding	Energy Range <sup>+</sup> (MeV)	Factor (cm <sup>2</sup> ster)	Comments
PROTONS (LET):				
L1*	0.8 mg/cm <sup>2</sup> Al	0.42-12	4.5	Also, alphas above 0.32 MeV/n
L2*	8.1 mg/cm <sup>2</sup> Si	1.8 -13	0.43	Through L1
	>140 mg/cm <sup>2</sup> Al	>9	8.4	Protons through side. The intensity is comparable to those through front for E <sup>-2</sup> spectrum
L1 L2 L4		1.8 - 8	0.43	ΔE - E analysis
ELECTRONS (HET):				
Range: 4-10 mm Si		2.6- 5.1	1.46	Coincidence rates with good background rejections, but accidental coincidence problems at high counting rates (for details, see Stone et al., 1977).
10-16 mm Si		5.8- 8	1.25	
16-22 mm Si		8 -12	0.96	
ELECTRONS (TET):				
D4 (3 mm Si) .	~1.2 cm Si equivalent	>6	~14	Usable at higher flux than HET rates

\*Single rates

<sup>+</sup>Small difference between similar detectors



Table 2. CONTENTS OF CRSJU1

FILE #	DATA ITEM	AVERAGING INTERVAL	TIME PERIOD
1	LD1 RATE	15 min.	2/28/79, 00:00, to 3/04/79, 12:00 3/06/79, 06:45, to 3/17/79, 00:00
2	LD2 RATE	15 min.	2/28/79, 00:00, to 3/09/79, 12:00
3	LD RATE	15 min.	2/28/79, 00:00, to 3/03/79, 12:00 3/07/79, 08:00, to 3/17/79, 00:00
4	LDTRP RATE	15 min.	Same as for LD RATE
* 5	BS4E RATE	15 min.	2/28/79, 00:00, to 3/03/79, 00:00 3/07/79, 08:00, to 3/17/79, 00:00
* 6	BS3E RATE	15 min.	Same as for BS4E RATE
* 7	BS2E RATE	15 min.	Same as for BS4E RATE
8	D4L RATE	15 min.	2/28/79, 00:00, to 3/04/79, 20:00 3/06/79, 02:00, to 3/08/79, 00:00
9	FPHA	1 hour	2/28/79, 00:00, to 3/03/79, 12:00 3/07/79, 08:00, to 3/17/79, 00:00

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\*These files nominally contain two quantities, the rate when guard anticoincidence is required and the rate when guard term is deleted from coincidence requirement. The experiment is in the latter state from ~ 01:15:00, March 2, 1979, to ~ 20:15:00, March 2, 1979. Note also that HET-I and HET-II data are averaged in these files.

Table 3. CONTENTS OF CRSJU2

FILE #	DATA ITEM	AVERAGING INTERVAL	TIME PERIOD
1	LD1 RATE	15 min.	7/03/79, 00:00, to 7/08/79, 12:00 7/11/79, 12:00, to 8/04/79, 00:00
2	LD2 RATE	15 min.	7/03/79, 00:00, to 7/14/79, 00:00
3	LD RATE	15 min.	7/03/79, 00:00, to 7/06/79, 00:00 7/11/79, 18:00, to 8/04/79, 00:00
4	LDTRP RATE	15 min.	Same as LD RATE
* 5	BS4E RATE	15 min.	7/03/79, 00:00, to 7/06/79, 04:00 7/12/79, 12:00, to 8/04/79, 00:00
* 6	BS3E RATE	15 min.	Same as BS4E RATE
* 7	BS2E RATE	15 min.	Same as BS4E RATE
8	D4L RATE	15 min.	7/03/79, 00:00, to 7/08/79, 12:00 7/11/79, 12:00, to 8/14/79, 00:00
9	FPHA	1 hour	7/03/79, 00:00, to 7/06/79, 04:00 7/11/79, 18:00, to 8/04/79, 00:00

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\*These files nominally contain two quantities, the rate when guard anticoincidence is required and the rate when guard term is deleted from coincidence requirement. The experiment is in the latter state from ~ 12:15:00, July 12, 1979, to ~ 06:15:00, July 18, 1979.

Table 4. STRUCTURE OF FLUX TIME-HISTORY RECORD

WORD	HALFWORD	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
1	1	Integer	Number of data items contained in the record (NBIN).
	2	Integer	Number of averaging intervals (NINT) contained in the record.
3-35		character	132-character title identifies satellite and gives the start time of first averaging interval and last averaging interval in the record.
36-68		character	132-character description of first data item.
69-101		character	132-character description of second data item, if $NBIN \geq 2$ . Otherwise, not used.
102-134		character	132-character description of third data item, if $NBIN \geq 3$ . Otherwise, not used.
135-167		character	132-character description of fourth data item, if $NBIN \geq 4$ . Otherwise, not used.
168-200		character	132-character description of fifth data item, if $NBIN \geq 5$ . Otherwise, not used.
$NBIN \leq 5$			
201-			NINT Averaging Interval Entries (AIE). The structure of an AIE is shown in Table 5.
$NBIN = 6$			
201-233		character	132-character description of sixth data item.
234-			NINT Averaging Interval Entries.

Table 5. STRUCTURE OF AVERAGING INTERVAL ENTRY

WORD	HALFWORD	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
1	1	Integer	2-digit year
	2	Integer	month of year
2	1	Integer	day of month
	2	Integer	hour of day
3	1	Integer	minute of hour
	2	Integer	second of minute
4- (3+2*NBIN)		Real	<p>NBIN FLUX entries. Each FLUX entry is two words long. If the second word of the entry is -1.0, data for this item is not available; otherwise the first word is the value of flux and the second word contains the associated statistical error.</p>

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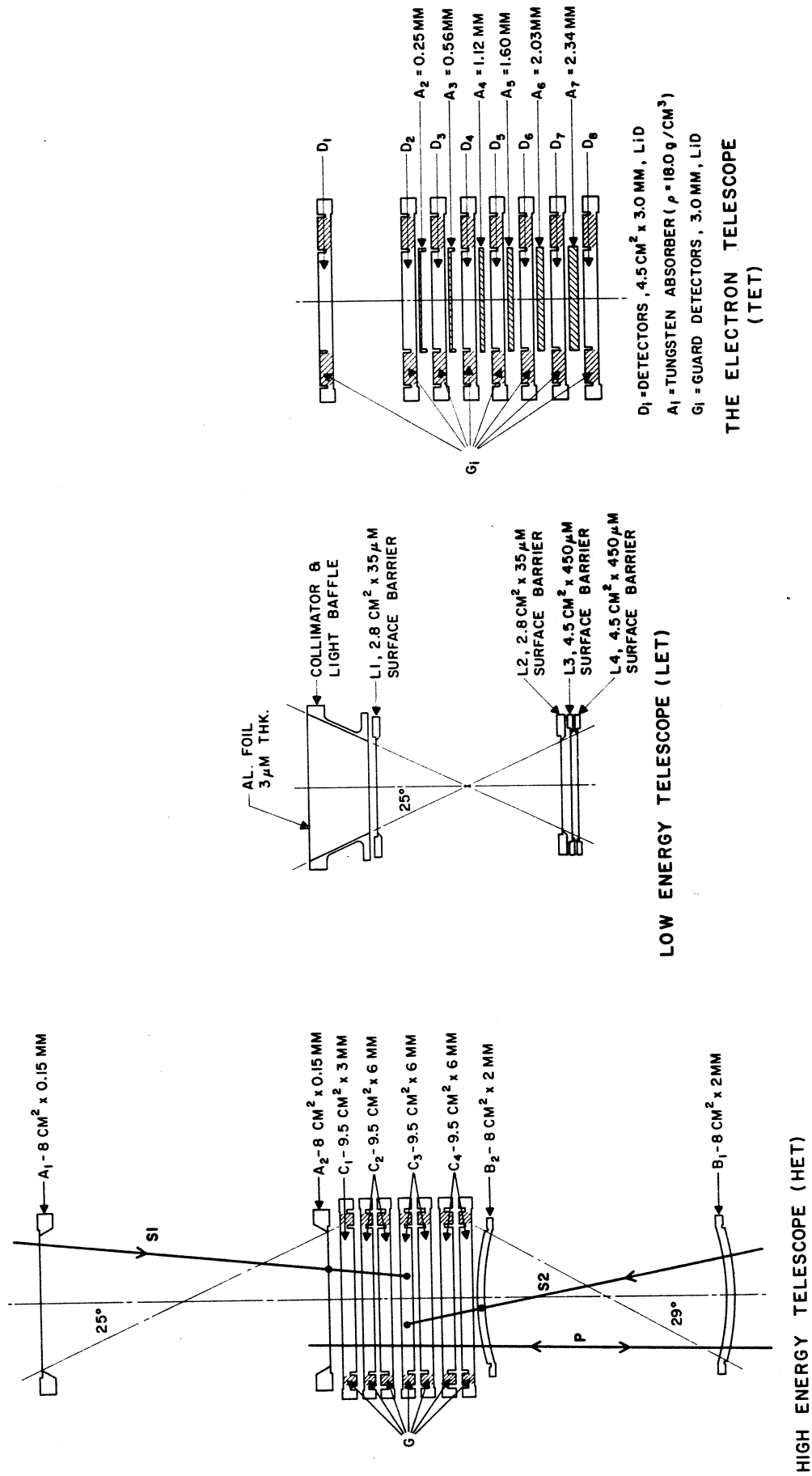


Fig. 1. Schematic diagram of the High Energy Telescope (HER), Low Energy Telescope (LET) and the Electron Telescope (TET) systems.

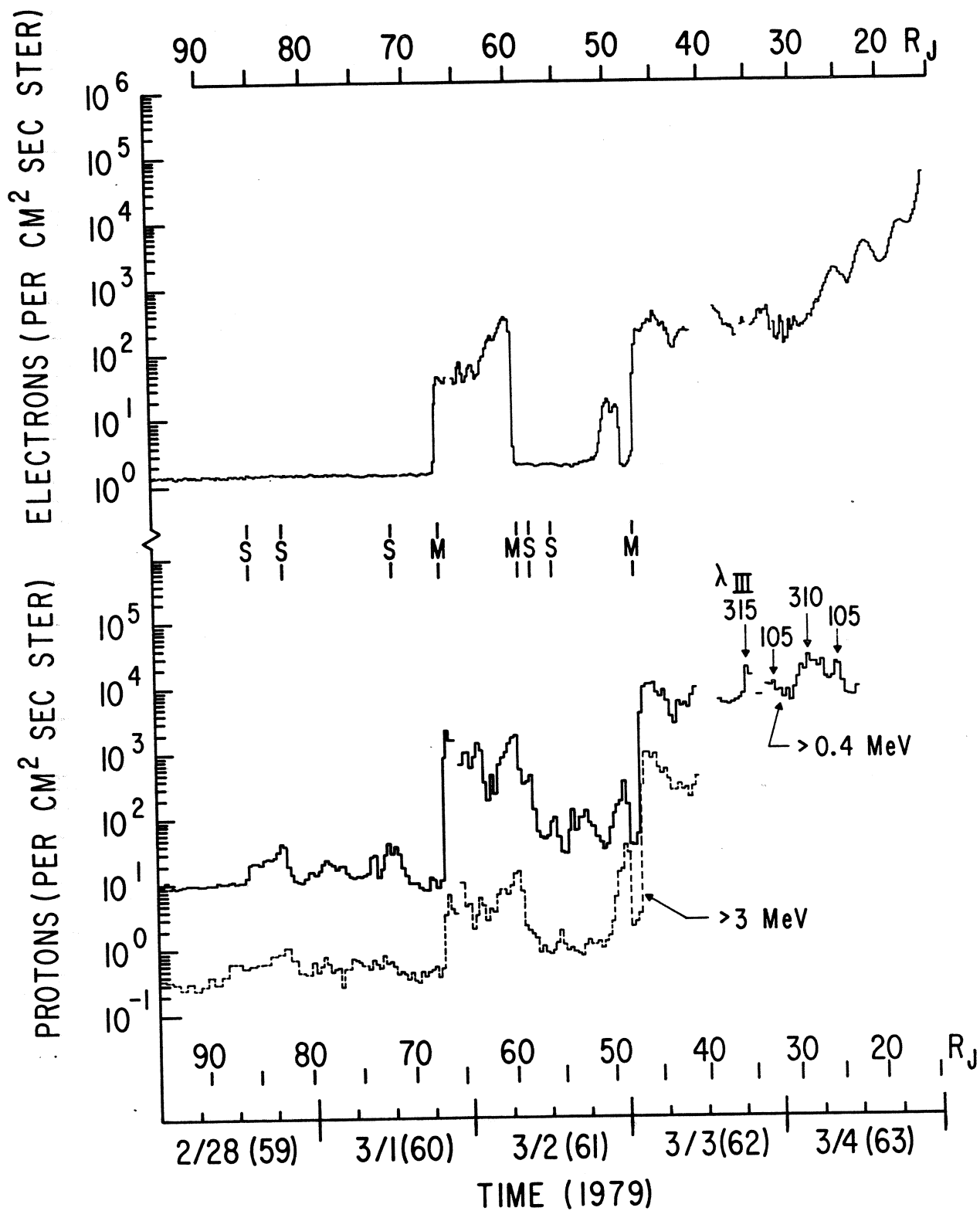
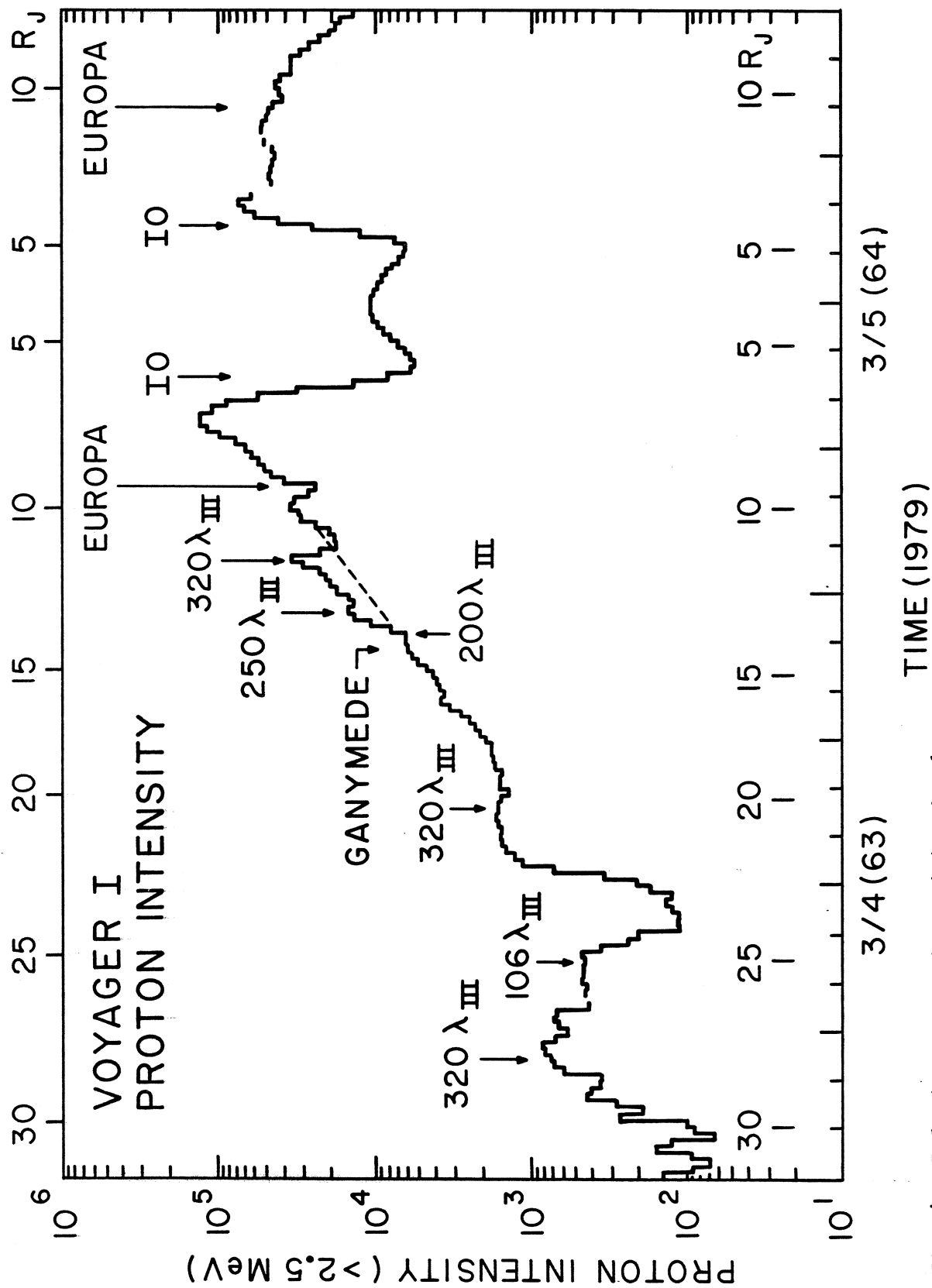


Fig. 2. Proton and  $> 5 \text{ MeV}$  electron flux observed during the inbound pass of Voyager 1. Bow shock and magnetopause crossings are indicated by S and M, respectively. Jovicentric longitudes ( $\lambda_{III}$  1965) of flux maxima near magnetic equatorial crossings are indicated.







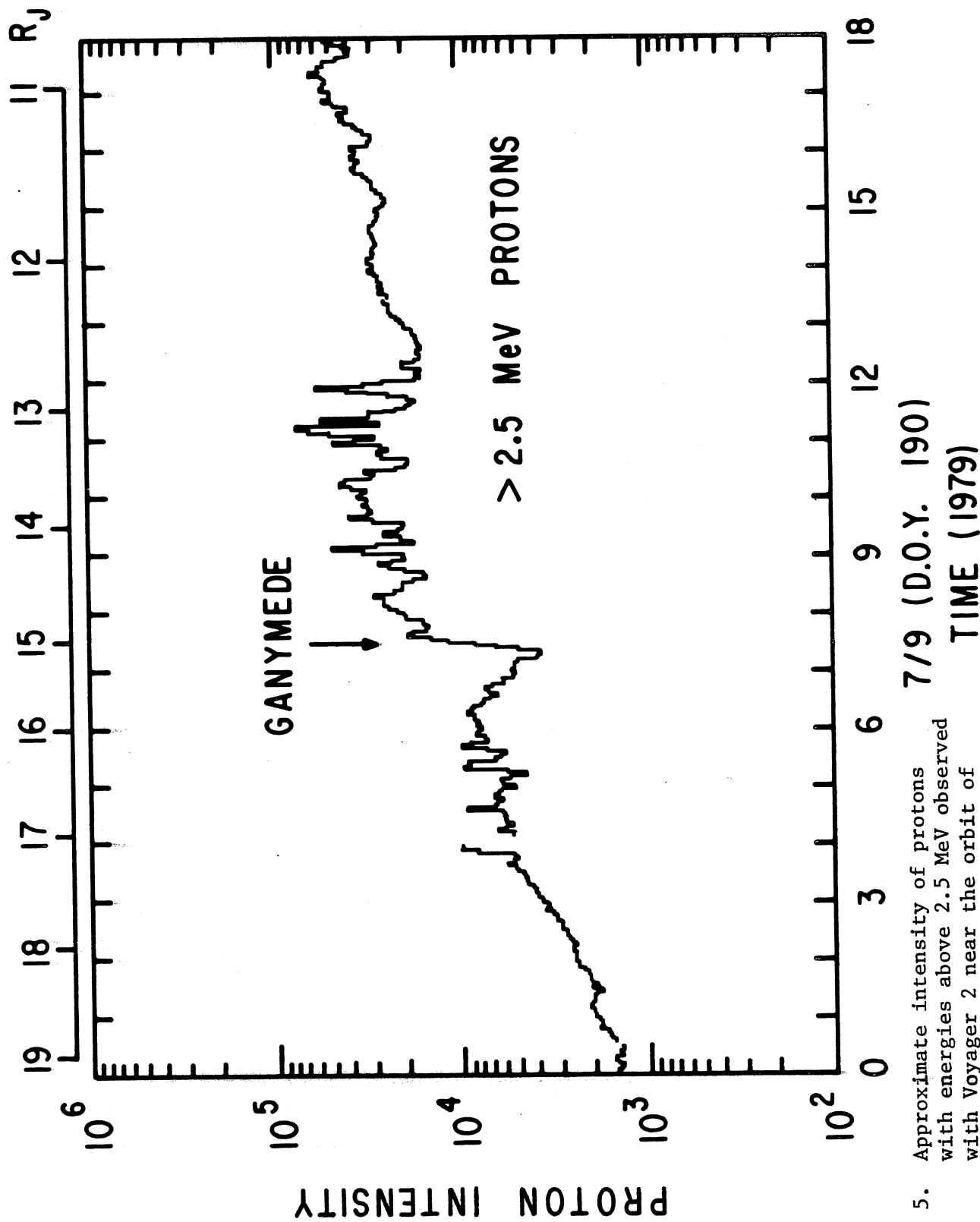


Fig. 5. Approximate intensity of protons with energies above 2.5 MeV observed with Voyager 2 near the orbit of Ganymede. Note the large intensity fluctuations which fall within  $\pm 4$  hours of the closest approach to Ganymede.

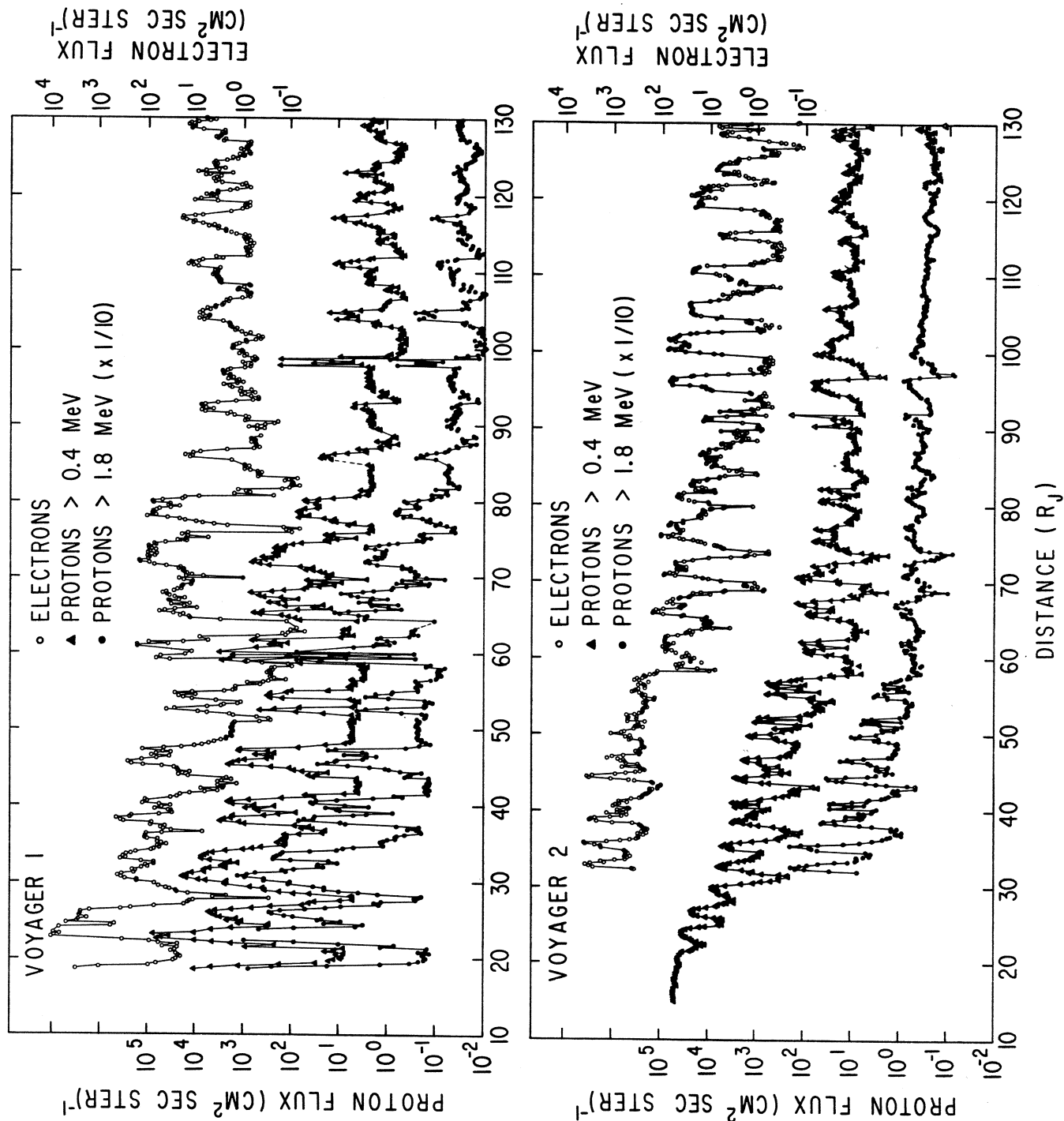


Fig. 6. Electron (2.6-5.1 MeV) and proton fluxes observed during the outbound passes of Voyagers 1 and 2. Electron and > 1.8 MeV proton fluxes above  $10^3 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$  are uncertain because of large corrections and show only relative trends.

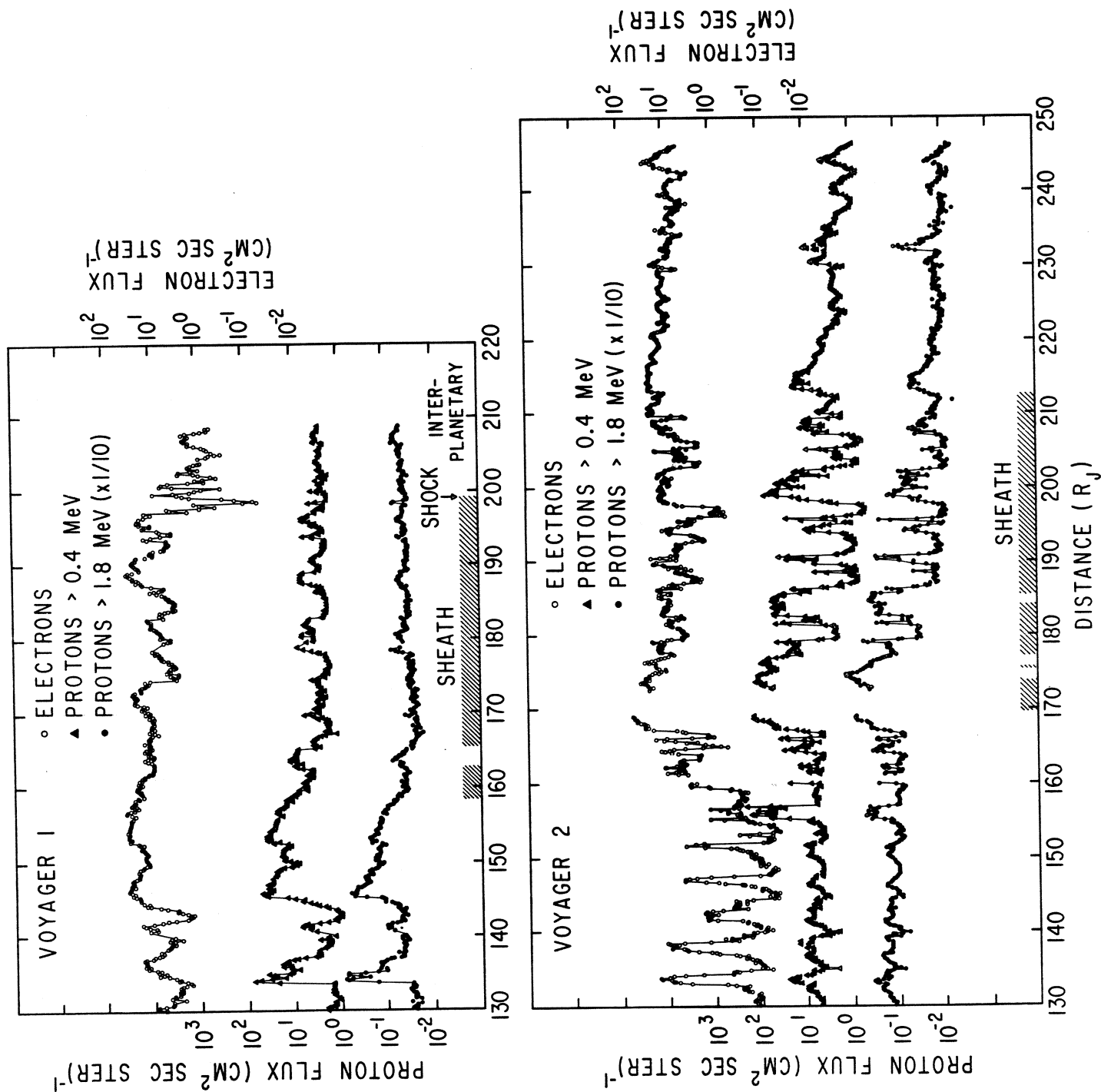


Fig. 7. The fluxes shown in Fig. 6 are extended from 130 to 250 Jovian radii. The shading near the distance scale indicates when the spacecraft were in the magnetotail.